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FREE, Unlimited Access to Online Courses, Practice Tests Now Available at San José Public Library

Celebrate National Library Week (April 13-19)— Take Control of Your Future!

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Overcoming test-taking anxiety, raising test scores, and improving skills is possible with just the click of a mouse at your local library! What better way to celebrate National Library Week (April 13-19), than by taking such a positive step towards gaining control of your future!

Starting in April 2008, visit any branch of the San José Public Library system (including the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library), log on to a computer, and enjoy free, unlimited access to *LearningExpress Library*—interactive skill-building courses and a broad range of practice tests. These practice tests are based on official exams such as the ACT, SAT, GED, ASVAB, Firefighter, Police Officer, Paramedic, EMT Basic, U.S. Citizenship, Postal Worker, Cosmetology, Real Estate Agent & Broker Exams. This valuable service is available 24/7 from any Internet-enabled computer—in your library, as well as in your home or office.

This innovative web-based instructional and test preparation service offers comprehensive courses in math, reading, and writing; essay writing practice with instant scoring; resume writing and workplace skills enrichment; and more than 300 online practice tests for students and adults of all ages. All practice tests include instant score reports that help you target those skill areas that need the most attention. Complete answer explanations accompany each test question so that you understand

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why a particular answer is right or wrong. If you are preparing for the SAT or GED, LearningExpress Library offers a complete course series, as well as targeted essay writing practice with multiple writing prompts and instant score reports that immediately let you know how you performed in each skill area.

To get started:

- 1. Go to www.SJLibrary.org
- 2. Click on Articles & Databases
- 3. Click on Education & Library Science
- 4. Scroll down to and click on *LearningExpress Library*
- 5. Follow the onscreen instructions to sign in

For more information, call King Library Reference Help at (408-808-2100). Services like LearningExpress Library are made possible, in part, through the Library Parcel Tax approved by San José voters in November 2004.

San José Public Library system (SJPL) is the largest public library system between San Francisco and Los Angeles on California's West Coast, serving a culturally diverse population of 974,000 in the nation's 10th largest city. Recipient of the prestigious national Library of the Year award, SJPL is recognized across the country for its innovation and leadership in the field and is one of the busiest library systems nationwide, with an annual checkout rate of more than 14 million items.

First sponsored in 1958, **National Library Week** is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. The observance celebrates the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide to the personal transformations that occur when ordinary people are empowered to change their lives.

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